

Joint Budget Committee
March 11, 2005

Attendance: Kerry Eagan; Ann Harrell; Rick Hoppe, Mayor's Office; Annette McRoy; Ray Stephens; Terry Werner; and Kit Boesch, staff.

Excused: Marc Wullschlager.

Guests: Brian Wachman, United Way.

1. Discussion of Leadership.

Did the Council want an election? Discussion followed. Opted to leave it the way it is currently. Ray Stevens agreed to continue as Chair with Annette McRoy as Vice-Chair. The Council agreed to leave any rule changes until January 2006.

2. Kit presented the Human Services Activity Report.

Bus Ridership: 1050 tickets sold for use in March. There will be considerably more discussion at City Council. Kit handed out the preliminary survey reports.

CSI is going well. Chamber of Commerce and UNL are actively involved working with leadership and coalition.

Correction on previous meeting's minutes for #5—it should be Keno Human Services Prevention Fund not High School. Discussion followed.

Attended Conference on African American Men with Robin Mahoney, United Way and Pam Baker, Woods Charitable Fund. Was asked about funding and were told they needed to be a 501(3)(c) to be considered. They are seeking funds to empower minority programs.

Age of Majority Bill: Nebraska Health and Human Services is supporting it this year. The bill should move out of committee next week.

NATF meeting with Jerry Heinauer, Regional INS Director, from Omaha, regarding length of time to gain citizenship after all requirements are met. It appears if you are an Iraqi man, that isn't going to happen.

Case Management of Homeless is requesting more support. Currently, Matt Talbot Kitchen, Lincoln Action Program and Fresh Start have many of these clients with only 1.0 FTE Case Worker.

Three new Let 'Em Play PSA's for billboards and TV (part of Community Child Abuse Prevention) have been created. They are great.

Juvenile Justice – Attendance in Detention Center was over 60-65! Mainly due to OBJ evaluations taking 60-90 days. They are now taking 30 and attendance has dropped. There is still an issue of County vs. HHS responsibilities to pay. Kerry has written a letter requesting to renegotiate.

3. Kit presented the Low-Income Transportation Pilot Project Update.

Per Joyce Schmeckle, to ensure statistical significance, 300 total surveys would need to be completed and every site represented. A total of 418 surveys were completed and all 14 sites were represented. A preliminary report was given to the members with the final report to be distributed at the City Council Meeting.

The preliminary survey results revealed that:

- * Before the Ride for Five Pilot Program, 50% of our riders rarely rode the bus;
- * 60% of the riders used the bus to get to their job;
- * 46% of those surveyed used the bus to get to school;
- * Youth constitutes 24.5% of all Ride for Five bus passes sold;
- * 80% of the respondents said they feel a more active participant in the community;
- * 45% of the respondents said they would still purchase a pass if the cost doubled;
- * 36% of the respondents said maybe they would still purchase a pass if the cost doubled;
- * 80% said that having tickets available at 14 different sites easier;
- * Over 70% of those surveyed had 4 or more reasons to use the bus, indicating it was their primary method of transportation; and
- * Bus Pass Tickets Sold:
 - For use in October 2004 – 672
 - For use in February 2005 – 1181; and
 - For use in March 2005 – 1050 (as of March 7, 2005).

4. Brian Wachman updated on the United Way/JBC Applications and timelines.

February to June applications will be obtained and reviewed.

Books should be ready for team review May 6, 2005. Recommendations should be ready for JBC on June 10, 2005. Kit should have books out by May for review.

91 applications were received

51 JBC funding requested

14 JBC funding only

United Way is still the pre-eminent payroll deduction. But there are concerns as individuals select agencies, that the general fund will be reduced.

United Way Foundation met for the first time on March 10, 2005.

5. Meeting Reports were given as follows:

- a. Funders Group (Ray Stevens) – Logic Model was discussed. Utilizes the process of determining: (a) what are the problems; (b) what resources are available/could be used; (c) what outputs are realized; and (d) what are the expectations (better/larger community). Maybe this could be used for the Ride for Five situation with Star Tran.
- b. CSI-Lincoln (Kit Boesch) – Nothing new. Everything is going well.
- c. SAAC Conference May 9-10, 2005's Invitation (Kit Boesch) – Mark your calendars and attend.
- d. African American Empowerment Conference (Kit Boesch) – Kit attended and they asked why there was not funding going to African American programs. Kit said those programs did not ask for funds. Also, Kit told them that the programs must be 501(3)(c) to be eligible for funding.
Note: They will probably be asking for funding in the future.

6. Other business/next meeting:

- a. Malone Center is seeking a New Director.
- b. Indian Center's New Director search has 2 candidates from Nebraska and 3 out-of-state.
- c. LAP Director – 5 candidates were interviewed both in- and out-of-state.
- d. Asian Center is moving – their new building is not ready yet so they will be temporarily in the Asian Garden building.
- e. Lincoln Interfaith Council – Bill Caldwell is the permanent Director.
- f. Larry Kallemyne was arrested for 3 counts of felony fraud while at Family Services. Barry Gorley is dealing with this well.
- g. Tom Barber is the new Director at People's City Mission. He said that he was disappointed that the People's City Mission got so little money from JBC—he was told that the People's City Mission was given what they asked for. Barber said they are hoping to build a new transitional-living quarters building. A big campaign is being planned.

Handouts included: Kit's February 2005 Human Services Report; Summary Conclusions of Lancaster County/HHS meetings on February 2 & 9, 2005; Let 'Em Play new PSA's; and Preliminary results of the Low-Income Transportation Bus Program Survey. The meeting was adjourned.

<p>The next meeting will be Friday, May 13, 2005 (the second Friday of the month), at 8:15 a.m., in the Mayor's Conference Room.</p>
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Respectfully submitted,

Kit Boesch

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